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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE

1. AT LUNCH APRIL 1, YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR DODIK TOLD ME THAT SUBJECT OF CONFERENCE HAD COME UP DURING LAST WEEK'S VISIT BY YUGOSLAV PRESIDIUM MEMBER KURTOVICI IN HIS TALK WITH CEAUSESCU. CEAUSESCU HAD SAID THAT RCP HAS IMPRESSION THAT SOVIETS HAVE ADOPTED HARDER LINE IN SENSE THAT THEY NOW EXPECT CONFERENCE TO COME UP WITH A SORT OF PROGRAM DOCUMENT THAT WILL CLEARLY SUPPORT SOVIET POSITIONS, THE WAY SUCH DOCUMENTS ADOPTED AT INTER-PARTY CONCLAVES USED TO DO. DODIK MENTIONED THAT YUGOSLAVS HAD SIMILAR IMPRESSIONS AND FELT THAT THE SOVIETS WERE MOVING AWAY FROM THE EARLIER AGREED IDEA OF GIVING EVERY PARTY FULL OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS ITS VIEWS WITHOUT INSISTING ON A BINDING PROGRAM DOCUMENT. DODIK CONFIDENTIAL

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ALSO SAID IF THIS INDEED TURNS OUT TO BE SOVIET APPROACH,

YUGOSLAVS WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOW ROMANIANS WOULD EVENTUALLY REACT BUT NOTED THAT CEAUSESCU TOLD KURTOVICI THAT RCP COULD NOT SUPPORT SUCH A CONCEPT OF A CONFERENCE.

- 2. FOR USNATO. AGREEABLE TO YOUR USING ABOVE INFORMATION WITH PROVISO THAT CEAUSESCU NOT BE IDENTIFIED.
- 3. INDIRECT CONFIRMATION OF ROMANIAN CONCERNS PROVIDED IN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER APRIL 1 MEETING OF RCP POLITICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHICH STATES THAT RCP POLEXCO "REAFFIRMS ITS VIEW THAT THE FUTURE CONFERENCE...PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF RESPECT FOR INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PARTIES, OF THE RIGHT OF EACH PARTY TO WORK OUT INDEPENDENTLY ITS OWN POLITICAL LINE.

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